

Islip, NY – Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan and Councilman John Edwards have announced that the Town will hold a public hearing on December 15 to consider requiring contractors to ensure a Town permit has been issued before constructing any improvements, including swimming pools, on a property.

The resolution consists of two code amendments that would hold contractors accountable for work done prior to the issuance of proper permits. Any contractor hired to install a pool or other improvement must ensure a formal written permit from the Building Division of the Department of Planning and Development has been issued and is displayed on site at all times the work is being conducted. Anyone found to be in violation of this amendment could be fined up to \$5,000 or face up to 15 days in jail.

“Unfortunately, illegal construction has become a big problem in the Town, which is unfair to those residents who take the legal route when making home improvements,” stated Supervisor Nolan. “It is our hope that this resolution will deter both contractors and homeowners from beginning any construction without first obtaining the proper permits.”

“Increasingly, we’re finding homeowners and contractors blaming each other for not obtaining the necessary permits,” said Councilman Edwards. “With these amendments, the professional contractor performing work on behalf of a homeowner is also responsible to make certain all required permits have been obtained. This will hopefully reduce the number of illegal improvements within the Town.”

The public hearing for this amendment will be held at 7 p.m. on December 15 in the Town Board room. For more information, call (631) 224-5485.